MINUTES

of the

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATION

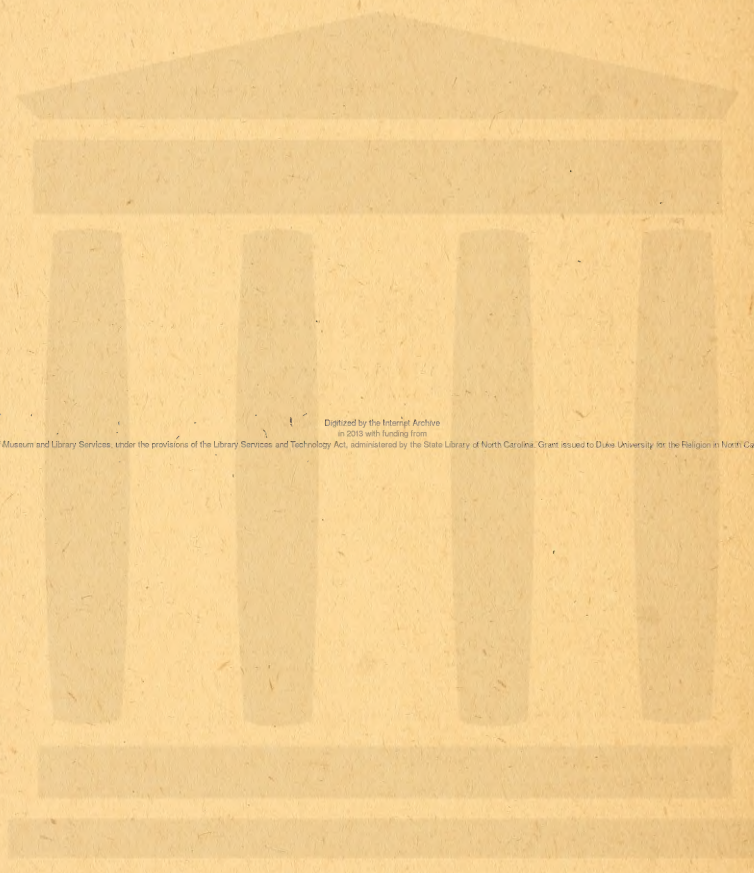
Held with the

ZION GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

(Near Gold Point, N. C.)

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

OCTOBER 10, 11 and 12, 1930



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PROCEEDINGS

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, singing Hymn No. 300, and offered prayer. The introductory sermon was by Elder Oscar Little, who arose and sang Hymn No. 25, and preached from the 5th chapter of Ephe., the 7th verse. Elder John Roberson, who preached the alternate sermon, arose and sang Hymn No. 509, and preached from the 7th chapter of Amos, 7th verse.

The Moderator arose and bore witness with the same and closed by singing Hymn No. 196. He then gave recess until 2 o'clock P.M. Benediction was by Elder J. H. Jones.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator singing Hymn No. 197. Prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Jones. On motion, Elder L. W. Kearney was chosen Moderator. Elder H. R. Mizell, Clerk; Bro. F. N. Little, Assistant Clerk; and Elder John Roberson, Treasurer.

On motion, the Corresponding Messengers and Ministers were invited to seats and take part in this conference and to feel themselves at home.

On motion, a Committee on Arrangements of Preaching from day to day was appointed, as follows: Elder J. A. Cherry, Bro. Walter Hassell, Bro. Samuel Cross and Bro. Charlie Douglas Porter. The committee appointed to preach at the stand Bro. Smith Roberson, Bro. B. B. Exum and Elder Goldards Gardders.

Bro. Smith Roberson arose and preached from the 20th chapter of Revelations. Bro. B. B. Exum arose and sang Hymn No. 433 and preached from the 1st chapter of Matthew, 2nd verse. Bro. Gardderd arose and sang Hymn No. 3 and preached from the 7th chapter of Romans. The Moderator arose and closed by singing Hymn No. 256.

On motion, the Committee on Finance was named as follows: Bro. B. B. Exum, Bro. Sandy Brown and Bro. Henry Spruill.

On motion, it was ordered that there should be a door opening for the admission of new churches in this Association.

On motion, the list of churches was called and seventeen churches were enrolled on the Table of Churches.

On motion, Messengers and Ministers from sister Associations were called for. Elder J. H. Jones, from the Antiarch Association, Cardle, Ga., and the Union Association in Carmel, Ga., Mount Rhamer Association in Thompson, Ga., and with a file of minutes they were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers.

Elder Isaac Williams, from the Union Association in North Carolina, came forth with a file of minutes and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

The Contentnea Association of North Carolina, represented by Bro. Robert Revers, with a file of minutes, was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messenger.

Elder H. M. Smith, from the Radicue Association of North Carolina, came forth with a file of minutes and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship

Elder J. J. Naylor and Bro. Joseph Gaskin, from the Cub Run Association in Virginia, came forth with a file of minutes and were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

The Sandy Ridge Association in North Carolina failed to be represented.

The Chestnut Knob Association and the Piedmont Association in Virginia failed to be represented.

The Northeastern and Northwestern Associations of Pennsylvania failed to have representation.

The Loving Association in North Carolina failed to have representation.

On motion, Petitionary Letters were called for.

On motion, the next sitting of this Association will be held with the Ernest Church, Bethel, N C., commencing Friday before the second Sunday in Oct., 1931. Elder Major Latham was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. A. Cherry to preach the alternate sermon.

On motion, the Conference stood adjourned until Saturday morning, 9 A.M.

The Moderator sang Hymn No. 353 and gave benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator singing Hymn No. 503, and prayer was offered by Elder J. J. Naylor.

On motion, the list of the churches was called for and the minutes of Friday's session read. On motion, the same was received.

On motion, the Committee on Arrangements reported as follows: To preach, Bro. W. W. Woods, Elder Peter Thompson and Elder Willie Killebrew. At the stand, Bro. Woods arose and sang Hymn No. 189, and chose for his text the 1st chapter of St. John. Elder Thompson aros eand sang Hymn No. 200, preaching from the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Elder Willie Killebrew arose and sang No. 387 and chose for his text the 40th chapter of Isaiah. Elder H. M. Smith arose and sang Hymn No. 188 and preached from the 20th chapter of Revelations.

On motion, the Corresponding and Circular Letters were called for. They were duly received.

On motion, Elder Oscar Little was asked to write the Corresponding Letter and Elder John Roberson to write the Circular Letter for 1931.

Motion was made to get out Messengers to visit our sister Associations in 1931.

On motion to send Elder L. W. Kearney to the Chestnut Knob and the Cub Run Association in Virginia, and Elder George Best in case of his failure.

To the Radicue Association in North Carolina, Elder John Roberson, and Elder H. R. Mizell in case of his failure.

To the Union Association in North Carolina, Elder J. A. Cherry and Bro. Smith Roberson in case of his failure.

To the Contentnea Association in North Carolina, Elder Oscar Little, and Elder Goldard Gardards in case of his failure.

To the Loving Association in North Carolina, letter and file of minutes.

To the Antiarch Union, Mount Rhamer and Mount Olive Association, Ga., Elder Oscar Little, and in case of his failure W. H. Killebrew.

To the Sandy Ridge Association in North Carolina, letter and file of minutes.

To the Southeastern and Southwestern Associations in Pennsylvania, letters and files of minutes.

On motion, the session stood adjourned until 2 P.M. The Moderator sang Hymn No. 505. Benediction was by Elder J. H. Jones.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator singing Hymn No. 413. Prayer was offered by Elder H. M .Smith.

On motion, the list of Churches was called and Minutes of the morning session read. On motion, the Minutes were approved.

On motion, the Committee on Arrangements reported as follows: To preach at the stand, Bro. Robert Revers, Bro. Abram Bennett, Elder George Best, Elder H. M. Smith and Elder J. H. Jones.

Bro. Revers sang Hymn No. 18. Prayer was offered by Bro. A. Bennett; and Bro. Revers preached from the 14th chapter of St. John. Elder Geo. Best arose and preached from the 11th chapter of St. Mark. Elder H. M. Smith arose and preached from the 14th chapter of St. John, and Elder J. H. Jones arose and commented on the same.

On motion, the Finance Committee reported as follows:

In hands of the Treasurer	$5.00
Amount left over in August Association	25.00
Amount received from 17 churches	94.75
Total amount	$124.75
Paid for printing Minutes	$30.00
Paid the Clerk	5.00
Paid Assistant Clerk	3.00
After defraying expenses, left over	$3.00

Motion was made to have 800 Minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderation. Motion was also made to pay the Moderator $3.00 for looking after the printing of the Minutes.

Motion was made to stand adjourned until Sunday at 10 A.M. Benediction was by Elder J. A. Cherry.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator singing Hymn No. 561. Prayer was offered by Elder J. J. Naylor.

On motion, the list of churches was called and the minutes of the Saturday evening session read and approved. The ministers occupied the stand, and the Moderator arose and sang Hymn No. 433. Prayer was offered by Elder J. A. Cherry. The Moderator arose and introduced Elder Isaac Williams, who preached for the people from the 8th chapter of the Act of the Apostles.

Elder J. J. Naylor arose and preached from the 6th chapter of St. John.

Elder Oscar Little arose and sang Hymn No. 288, and preached a gospel sermon.

Elder J. H. Jones sang Hymn No. 467, and preached from the 61st chapter of Isaiah, 15th verse.

Elder J. A. Cherry sang Hymn No. 297 and preached from the 7th chapter of Revelations, 11th verse.

The Moderator arose and gave the people thanks for their kind hospitality toward us in this Association. He closed by singing Hymn No. 618.

ELDER L. W. KEARNEY, Moderator.
ELDER H. R. MIZELL, Clerk.
BRO. F. N. LITTLE, Assistant Clerk.
ELDER JOHN ROBERSON, Treasurer.

Visiting Ministers: Elders J. J. Naylor, H. M. Smith, J. H. Jones, Fate Melton, Isaac Williams, Bros. Robert Revers, Joseph Gaskin.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters, who compose the Corresponding Association:

This is the forty-fourth annual session held with the Church of Christ at Zion Grove. We are glad indeed to have you ministers and messengers from a far country to visit us in this Association and bringing good news and glad tidings of great joy. We are glad to welcome you in this Association and in our homes, and we hope our corresponding will ever continue, that we may stand in the unity of the Spirit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that the bonds of peace may prevail.

May the Spirit of the Good Lord ever dwell with us, keep us, guide us, and protect us, that we may stand together and ever be content for the faith that was delivered to the Saints at Jerusalem. May our progress continue to grow stronger and stronger in the Cause of Christ.

Your Brother in Christ, I Trust,
F .N. LITTLE.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

We are thankful that the Good Lord has permitted us to meet together again in another Association, that we may feast upon some of the glorious things of God, through Whom he has called to the great and supernatural work of the ministry. Surely, we have met such in this Association.

Therefore, we can say with the Apostle Paul, "Blessed be the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Oh, what a great and glorious liberty to meet the people of the Lord on this occasion. As this is a feast upon His precious promises, it is but a foretaste of the fountain that shall never run dry.

Your Humble Servant in Christ,
ELDER ARTHUR CHERRY.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES

Elder W. A. Hilliard, Plymouth, N. C., Washington County.
Elder Peter Thompson, Oak City, N. C., Martin County.
Elder L. W. Kearney, Speed, N. C., Edgecombe County.
Elder H. R. Mizell, Everetts, N. C., Martin County.
Elder Major Latham, Williamston, N. C., Martin County.
Elder George Best, Greenville, N. C., Pitt County.
Elder John Roberson, Williamston, N. C., Martin County.
Elder Arthur Cherry, Hassell, N. C., Martin County.
Elder Noah Teele, Robersonville, N. C., Martin County.
Elder Austin Porter, Farmville, N. C., Pitt County.
Elder Willie Killebrew, Robersonville, N. C., Martin County.
Elder Oscar Little, Robersonville, N. C., Martin County.
Elder George W. Jones, Whiteboro, New York.
Elder Goldard Goddards, Williamston, N. C., Martin County.
Elder Cornelius Lillie, Williamston, N. C., Martin County.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Abraham Bennett, Hamilton, N. C., Martin County.
John Reas, Everetts, N. C., Martin County.
Smith Roberson, Williamston, N. C., Martin County.
B. B. Exum, Whitakers, N. C., Edgecombe County.
O. W. Woods, Roper, N. C., Washington County.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in one true and living God and there are three persons in the God head—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the rule of faith and practice.

We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state by nature of his own free will and ability.

We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God; only the imputed righteousness of Christ.

We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall.

We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' Feet are Ordinances and that the true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as are regularly presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association will open and close with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by th esuffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall arise from then seat and address the Moderator when he is to make a speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any but the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in nowise reflect upon the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his life, his feelings or his imperfections, and shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abrupt, break or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining liberty from the Association.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without first obtaining liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another member in the term or application other than that of Brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any Brother in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as this Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, unles sthe Association is equally divided.

Art. 13. No member of this Association shall join any secret order, and such shall be violation of faith and order, and shall be dealt with by their churches.

Art. 14. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules may be reproved by the Association as it may deem proper.

TIME OF MEETINGS

Wilson Chapel	Third Saturday and Sunday
Hickory	First Saturday and Sunday
Jones Hill	Second Saturday and Sunday
Mt. Moriah	First Saturday and Sunday
Post Oak Grove	Second Saturday and Sunday
Ernest	Third Saturday and Sunday
Jenkins Chapel	Fourth Saturday and Sunday
Peter Swamp	Fourth Saturday and Sunday
Piney Grove	Second Saturday and Sunday
Chestnut Grove	Second Saturday and Sunday
New Hope	Fourth Saturday and Sunday
Mt. Rhamer	Second Saturday and Sunday
St. John	Second Saturday and Sunday
Zion Grove	First Saturday and Sunday
St. Matthew	Third Saturday and Sunday
Jones Chapel	Third Saturday and Sunday
St. Paul	First Saturday and Sunday

CHURCHES, PASTORS, POST OFFICES—CLERKS, POST OFFICES

Wilson Chapel—Elder W. A. Hilliard, pastor, Plymouth, N. C.; John Spruill, clerk, Robersonville, N. C., Route 2.

Hickory Grove—Elder Major Latham, pastor, Williamston, N. C.; Jennie Latham, clerk, Williamston, N. C., Route 2.

Jones Hill—Elder Lewis W. Kearney, pastor, Speed, N. C.; Morris M. Batts, clerk, Wilson, N. C., Route 3.

Mt. Moriah—L. W. Kearney, pastor, Speed, N. C.; B. B. Exum, clerk, Whitakers, N. C., Route 4.

Post Oak Grove—George Best, pastor, Greenville, N. C.; Arrender Roberson, clerk, Robersonville, N. C., Route 1.

Ernest—Elder Austin Porter, pastor, Farmville, N. C.; Lula Chester, clerk, Robersonville, N. C., Route 1.

Jenkins Chapel—Elder J. A. Cherry, pastor, Hassell, N. C.; Nancy Walston, clerk, Robersonville, N. C.

Peter Swamp—Elder W. A. Hilliard, pastor, Plymouth, N. C.; Chelsey Hilliard, clerk, Plymouth, N. C.

Piney Grove—Elder W. A. Hilliard, pastor, Plymouth, N. C.; Ben Woods, clerk, Roper, N. C., Box 75, Route 5.

Chestnut Grove—Elder Peter Thompson, pastor, Oak City, N. C.; R. C. Lock, clerk, Oak City, N. C.

New Hope—Elder H. R. Mizell, pastor, Everetts, N. C., Box 6; Arrender Roberson, clerk, Robersonville, N. C.

Mt. Rhamer—Elder George Best, pastor, Greenville, N. C.; James E. Keys, clerk, Washington, N. C.

St. John—Elder John Roberson, pastor, Williamston, N. C., 630 W. Main Street; John Whitley, clerk, Williamston, N. C.

Zion Grove—Elder H. R. Mizell, pastor, Everetts, N. C.; Alley G. Andrews, clerk, Gold Point, N C.

St. Matthew—Major Latham, pastor Williamston, N. C.; Charlotte Gardards, clerk, Williamston, N. C., Route 1.

Jones Chapel—Elder J. A. Cherry, pastor, Hassell, N. C.; Octavus Conciles, clerk, Bethel, N. C., Route 1.

St. Paul—Elder Oscar Little, pastor, Robersonville, N. C.; Mary Carraway, clerk, Robersonville, N. C., Route 1.

CHURCHES AND DEACONS

Wilson Chapel—Joe Teele, Roscoe Clemmons and Henry Spruill.
Hickory Grove—Walter Hassell and Abraham Clemmons.
Jones Hill—Morris B. Batts.
Mt. Moriah—George Wimberley.
Post Oak Grove—Sandy Brown, Mack Jenkins and William Sharp.
Ernest—Julius Collier.
Jenkins Chapel—O. W. Staton.
Peters Swamp—S. J. Cross.
Piney Grove—Ben Woods.
Chestnut Grove—Roscoe Clemmons.
New Hope—William Sharp.
Mt. Rhamer—Henry Gordards.
St. John—Isaac Roberson and Henry Purvis.
Zion Grove—Isaac Hopkins.
St. Matthews—Albert Mays.
Jones Chapel—Charlie Nelson.
St. Paul—F. N. Little and Elie Clark.

OBITUARY

Brother Charles Exum departed this life Monday morning, March 4, 1930, at 6 o'clock. Age 88 years, 5 months, 14 days. He was born a slave August 18, 1841, in Edgecombe County, N. C., on the old Bullock farm, owned then by David Bullock. With his master he lived there until the Civil War in 1865. After the war, he worked for his master two years and then decided to be somebody in this life, and be his own boss. In 1868 he purchased a nice farm, where he lived until his death. He was a man loved by everybody that knew him, telling the truth and treating everybody honestly. He joined Mount Moriah Church in the spring of 1886 and was a member 44 years. He was ordained a deacon in 1888 and served until his death. He never missed going to his church on Saturday or Sunday, except when sickness prevented; and on Thursday before he died he called his son, Bennie Exum, to his side and told him that his body had tilled the earth, but his soul would dwell on the right hand side of his Father in Heaven. He left a wife, eight children, 36 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. We can say that he fought a good fight and finished his course. Sleep on, dear brother, and take your rest. We love you, but Jesus loved you best and sent His loving angels to take you home to rest.

Sister Lydia Kearney departed this life January 15, 1931. Her age was 70 years. She was a member of Mount Moriah Church forty years, and all her life she never gave her brothers or sisters any trouble. Always faithful, she attended her church meetings. She was taken sick Wednesday night, at 7 o'clock with a stroke, and lived until Thursday morning at 3 o'clock. She left to mourn after her ten children, five boys and five girls, one sister, and thirty-nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Sister Lydia, we hate to depart from you, but the Lord knows best.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES: NAMES OF DELEGATES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	Rec. on Con. Faith	Members in Full	Contributions
Wilson Chapel—Joseph Teele and Douglas	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	29	$15.00
Hickory Grove—M. J. Latham and Walter Hassell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	12.00
Jones Hill—L. W. Kearney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.00
Mt. Moriah—B. B. Exum and Geo. L. Wimberley	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	3.50
Post Oak Grove—George Best and William Sharp	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	22	9.50
Ernest—Julius Collier and Gus Andrews	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	7.00
Jenkins Chapel—J. A. Cherry and A. R. Purvis	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	17	6.50
Peter Swamp—Samuel Cross	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	8.00
Piney Grove—Benjamin Woods	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	5.00
Chestnut Grove—Roscoe Clemmons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.00
New Hope—William Sharp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.00
Mt. Rhamer—Willie Killebrew and James Keys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.00
St. John—John Roberson and Isaac Roberson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	8.25
Zion Grove—Isaac Hopkins and Frank Bell	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	4.00
St. Matthews—M. Latham and H. G. Goddards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.00
Jones Chapel—J. A Cherry and A. R. Purvis	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	10	4.50
St. Paul—William Sharp and F. N. Little	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4.00